



## Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

*Is 56:1, 6-7*  
*Rom 11:13-15, 29-32*  
*Mt 15:21-28*

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,  
5:30 pm and 9 pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before  
your planned wedding date.

### WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at  
(865) 523-7931 or [frrich@john23rd.org](mailto:frrich@john23rd.org)

### Sunday Supper

During the UT semester, after the 5:30 Mass, volunteers serve dinner to about 100 students and parishioners. The meal is funded by St.

John XXIII Parish and the volunteers are generous enough to shop for and cook the meal. There is even someone else to clean up afterwards! Please consider volunteering for this valuable ministry; a poster for signups is in the lobby.



**Welcome back,  
students!!!**

### Thoughts on Today's Readings

Why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman? At first he seems to be putting her off. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help. She refused to give up and stop asking.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected them.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. He shows us that we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.



FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students) was founded 25 years ago and has been blessed to serve the students of the University of Tennessee (UTK) for over a decade. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He commissioned each one of us to "go out and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). As missionaries, we go out on campus and encounter students, inviting them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. We simply live life with the students, host weekly Bible studies, and walk in discipleship formation with them, in the hopes that, through us, the Holy Spirit may help them come to understand the Art of Living. This year, Isabella (3rd year) and Justin (2nd year) will be returning to UTK, and we will be welcoming Ava (1st year) and Andrew (1st year), as they begin their time serving with FOCUS. If you're interested in learning more about what we do, please don't hesitate to contact us ([isabella.grado@focus.org](mailto:isabella.grado@focus.org)). We look forward to seeing you! Be assured of our prayers. May God bless you!



### Sunday School

Do you have children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade? We have Sunday School from 10-11 am on Sundays in the fall and spring semesters! We will have more information and sign-ups after the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses on August 27! There will be applications in the lobby, and if you have any questions, please email Emma Standley ([emma@john23rd.org](mailto:emma@john23rd.org)). The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 24th.

## Sunday Giving Update

**Basket Collection**  
August 13: \$4,592

## Scripture Readings for the Week of August 20, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope</b> Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin</b> Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle</b> Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</b> Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
<b>Saturday</b>	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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## **Insights and Awareness**

### **Topic 87 - Instrumentum Laboris**

This is the working document for use at the Synod to be held October 2023

You can view this topic at:

<https://www.john23rd.org/insights>

(Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee)

## **Muse Children's Science Museum Homeschool Program**

Muse Knoxville is excited to welcome back homeschoolers for the Fall 2023 academic term for kindergarten through 5th grade students with our 15-week program "Mind/Body Connections." We will be exploring our brain, our emotions, kindness, relationships, nutrition, exercise, and how all of these things fit together to create a healthy self.

Sessions will be held weekly on Thursday afternoons. They begin on August 24th, 2023 and continue through December 14th, 2023.

Follow this link to register: <https://themuseknoxville.org/homeschool/>

Have questions? Email Lee at [lee@themuseknoxville.com](mailto:lee@themuseknoxville.com) and she'll be happy to assist you.

## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

### **August 21-27**

**Monday:** 4:00 pm - Confessions  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Tuesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass †Virginia Whitman

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5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Friday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm - Mass †Virginia Whitman

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass †John and Betty Trost  
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study  
11:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass  
9:00 pm - Mass

## **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week!**



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## Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Isabella Bleu, Isabella Linguini, Mateo, Silas Templeton, Karen Pearson Rich, Mary Ellen Howley, Elizabeth Sirk, Charles, Raul Trujillo, Peg Hart, Jerry Carney, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, Suzanne Lenhart, Christine Wade, Jackson Igou, Alice Peterson, Liz Mattson, Cindy Cunningham, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, Connie Beeler, Hal Leiner, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Al McGinley, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.



## Pope Francis' Prayer for August: For World Youth Day

"We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives."

## Lector Schedule

### August 19-20

Sat. 5:30pm Richard Higginbotham - Joan Easterly  
Sun. 9:00am Lee Campfield - Michelle Odoi  
Sun. 11:15am Anna Dutkosky - Jim Dutkosky

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